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FOR MATTHEW NIMETZ COUNSELOR DEPT OF STATE

FOLLOWING REPEAT NICOSIA 1911 ACTION SECSTTATE INFO ANKARA ATHENS
BONN BURSELS LONDON PARIS USNMR SHAPE USCINCEUR USDOCUSOUTH
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1911

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RE-OPENING OF VAROSHA

REF: (A) NICOSIA 1909 (B) ANKARA 5484

1. ON JULY 22, DENKTASH MADE A STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAKARIOS'
JULY 21 COMMENTS ON VAROSHA. MAIN POINTS WERE:

(A) VAROSHA IS PART OF TFSC. IT CANNOT BE LEFT A GHOST TOWN.

(B) FOREIGNERS OF NON-GREEK CYPRIOT OR NON-GREEK ORIGIN ARE
INVITED TO RESTART THEIR BUSINESS IN THE AREA. GREEK AND GREEK-
CYPRIOT OWNED PROPERTY WOULD COME UNDER THE PROTECTION OF
THE TFSC.

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(C) VAROSHA SITUATION IS NOT RELATED TO THE INTER-COMMUNAL
TALKS.

(D) THE THREAT TO TAKE THE ISSUE TO THE UNSC IS CHILDISH,
ADDING THAT THE UN IS "NOT CONCERNED WITH EXAMINING WHAT IS
BEING DONE IN THE STREETS AND QUARTERS OF A COUNTRY".

2. GREEK CYPRIOT NEW MEDIA JULY 23 REPORTED DENKTASH STATEMENT

AS LEADING STORY CHARACTERIZING THE SITUATION AS THREAT OF TURKISH "COLONIZATION" OF VAROSHA. ONE NEWSPAPER AND CBC RADIO REPORT THAT UNSYG SPOKESMAN IN NEW YORK SAID UNSYG WALDHEIM IS "WORRIED BY" THE ECEVIT STATEMENT; HE FEARS THAT IF THE MEASURES ARE APPLIED IT WILL HAVE "NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE (CYPRUS) NEGOTIATIONS." ALL PAPERS ALSO CARRY EDITORIAL COMMENT ON VAROSHA ISSUE. SEMI-GOVERNMENT PHILELEFTHEROS SAYS THE MATTER IS A TEST OF "PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECLARATIONS."

3. VISITING ASST. SECRETARY MAYNES (IO) DISCUSSED VAROSH WITH "TFSC FONMIN" CHELIK ON JULY 23, NOTING THAT VAROSHA REOPENING WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL STEP. CHELIK RESPONDED THAT VAROSHA IS A PART OF TFSC. TO SUGGEST THAT VAROSHA SHOULD NOT BE USED BY TURK CYPRIOTS (OR THAT MOVEABLE PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE TOWN) IS TO PRE-JUDGE THE RESULTS OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. DISPUTE LENGTHY DISCUSSION, CHELIK DID NOT SAY THAT A RETURN OF VAROSHA TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS COULD NOT BE PART OF A SETTLEMENT NOR DID HE SAY THAT RE-OPENING OR RESETTLEMENT DEFINITELY WILL TAKE PLACE.

4. RE PARA 3 REF B, WE NOTE THAT AT LEAST ONE GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPER (CENTER, FAMILY RESPONSIBLE SIMERINE) SAYS THE -THREAT TO COLONIZE VAROSHA IS THE RESULT OF A CONSPIRACY BETWEEN EVECIT AND DENKTASH...TO UNDERMINE THE DEMIREL COALITION GOVERNMENT. IT HAD BEEN COMMONLY ACCPETED HERE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ECEVIT AND DENKTASH WERE NOT GOOD BUT LOCAL MEDIA ARE ALWAYS HAPPY
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TO IDENTIFY A NEW "CONSPIRACY." IT APPEARS TO US THAT TURK CYPRIOTS WERE JUST AS SURPRISED AS EVERYONE ELSE BY ECEVIT/ GUNES STATEMENTS. DILLERY
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